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**Introduced by Senator Runner**

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An act to amend Section 21061 of the Public Resources Code, relating to the environment.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 469, as introduced, Runner. Environment: California Environmental Quality Act.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency, as defined, to prepare, or cause to be prepared by contract, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report on a project, as defined, that may have a significant effect on the environment, or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect.

This bill would make technical and nonsubstantive changes to the definition of "environmental impact report."

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 21061 of the Public Resources Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 21061. (a) "Environmental impact report" means a detailed
- 4 statement setting forth the matters specified in Sections 21100 and
- 5 21100.1; ~~provided that. The information or data which that is~~
- 6 relevant to ~~such a~~ the statement and is a matter of public record,
- 7 or is generally available to the public need not be repeated in its
- 8 entirety in ~~such the~~ statement, but may be specifically cited as the

1 source for conclusions stated therein; and provided further that  
2 ~~such~~ *in the statement. The* information or data shall be briefly  
3 described, ~~that its~~ *in the statement. The* relationship between the  
4 *information or data* to the environmental impact report shall be  
5 indicated, and ~~that the~~ *in the statement. The* source ~~thereof of the~~  
6 *information and data* shall be reasonably available for inspection  
7 at a public place or public building. An environmental impact  
8 report also includes any comments ~~which~~ *that* are obtained pursuant  
9 to Section 21104 or 21153, or ~~which~~ *that* are required to be  
10 obtained pursuant to this division.

11 (b) An environmental impact report is an informational  
12 document ~~which~~ *that*, when its preparation is required by this  
13 division, shall be considered by every public agency prior to its  
14 approval or disapproval of a project. The purpose of an  
15 environmental impact report is to provide public agencies and the  
16 public in general with detailed information about the effect ~~which~~  
17 *that* a proposed project is likely to have on the environment; to list  
18 ways in which the significant effects of ~~such a~~ *the proposed* project  
19 might be minimized; and to indicate alternatives to ~~such a~~ *the*  
20 *proposed* project.

21 (c) In order to facilitate the use of environmental impact reports,  
22 public agencies shall require that ~~such~~ *the* reports contain an index  
23 or table of contents, and a summary. Failure to include ~~such~~ *the*  
24 index, table of contents, or summary shall not constitute a cause  
25 of action pursuant to Section 21167.